TOWN OF LUNENBURG MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER



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COVID-19 Update June 16, 2020

<u>UPDATES FROM THE TOWN MANAGER</u>

Here are a number of updates specific to Lunenburg that will also be posted on the town website, town Facebook page, the "townwide" listsery, sent to the Lunenburg Ledger and to Public Access:

COVID-19 in Lunenburg and Board of Health Notices:

The Board of Health issued their weekly update dated June 12th and it will be put on the COVID-19 Information Center page on the town website under News & Announcements on the homepage. As of June 15th, there are 67 confirmed positive cases in Lunenburg and one death.

The COVID-19 Information Center page can be found here.

Re-opening of Town/School Playgrounds, School Fields, and Town Beach:

The town and school playgrounds are open, the town and school basketball courts are open, the school tennis courts are open to singles play only, the MS/HS track and turf field is open, and all town fields have remained open throughout the pandemic.

Town Facilities:

Town facilities re-opened to town employees on June 2^{nd} in adherence with a number of state requirements and best practices and opened to the public by appointment only on June 8th.

Tax Payments:

Tax payments are now also being accepted in the black box on the right side of the entrance outside of Town Hall. Tax payments can also still be mailed to the town's lockbox or can be paid online. The online bill

payment link is https://www.lunenburgma.gov/departments/resident-services/online-services and the lockbox address is:

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For any questions, please contact the Treasurer/Collector Myleen Mallari at (978) 582-4130 x 135 or mmallari@lunenburgonline.com.

<u>UPDATES RECEIVED FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNEMENT:</u>

The Baker-Polito Administration continues to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. A comprehensive list of emergency orders and guidance is available at mass.gov/covid19 (click here).

COVID-19 in Massachusetts (as of 6/15/20):

As of June 15th there are 105,690 COVID-19 cases and 7,647 deaths 712,875 patients have been tested to date by the MA State Public Health Laboratory, hospitals and commercial laboratories.

This information is now posted on the Department of Public Health COVID-19 website, with a breakdown of coronavirus cases by city and town. The page can be accessed by going to: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting#covid-19-cases-by-city/town-. The Department of Public Health has created a dashboard as well with comprehensive, detailed COVID-19 data, including trend data, case rates, testing, and breakdowns by age, sex, race, ethnicity and geography. https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-dashboard-

Baker-Polito Administration Announces Pop-Up Testing Sites for Participants of Large Gatherings

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the availability of popup COVID-19 testing sites throughout the Commonwealth for individuals who have recently participated in large gatherings. These free testing sites will be available at over 50 sites throughout the Commonwealth on Wednesday, June 17th and Thursday, June 18th. The Administration is urging anyone who has attended a large gathering in the past two weeks to get tested for COVID-19 at one of these sites. Test results will be provided to each participant confidentially, and participants are encouraged to share these results with their doctors.



A full list of all testing sites is available at www.mass.gov/gettested.

Helpful Links:

- Reopening Massachusetts
- Jobs Available to Assist Long Term Care Facilities
- Get Involved: Community Contact Tracing Collaborative
- Mass.Gov/covid19
- Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
- Unemployment & COVID-19

- Dept. Of Transitional Assistance Online Portal
- FrontlineMA.org
- Emergency Childcare Site
- MBTA.com/covid19
- COVID-19 Cost Eligibility and Tracking Guidance
- Complete List of Emergency Orders & Guidance

Stay Informed

- Get information from trusted sources. Visit https://www.mass.gov/covid19 for the latest news, case counts, and lab testing results. Call 2-1-1 with questions. Text the keyword COVIDMA to 888-777 to receive notifications to your phone. To receive these notifications in Spanish, text COVIDMAESP to 888-777
- Take care of your emotional health:
- Call 2-1-1 and choose the "CALL2TALK" option.
- Samaritans is continuing operations 24/7, as always. During this unprecedented time, it can feel overwhelming to receive constant messages about COVID-19. Call or text their 24/7 helpline any time at 877-870-4673.
- The Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster, including disease outbreaks like COVID-19. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories.